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1. KENNEDY, CRANSTON AND SYMINGTON AMENDMENT TO MIL PROCUREMENT BILL TO REDUCE CEILING FROM 900 MILLION TO 750 MILLION ON MIL AID TO SVN REJECTED BY ONE VOTE (FINNEY, NYT;AP, NYPOST 6/11); HUGHES VOTE AGAINST CUT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE. SAYS THAT AFTER COMMITTEE CUT ADMIN REQUEST FOR 1.6 BILLION TO 900 MILLION, SVN WOULD GET SLIGHTLY LESS THAN CURRENT REPLACEMENT RATE AND THAT COULD FORCE GREATER STRINGENCY. KENNEDY ARGUED UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT SVN HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL MILITARILY SINCE C-F AND NOW CONTROLS MORE AREA AND PEOPLE THAN BEFORE, AND THAT CONGRESS COULD ALWAYS VOTE MORE FUNDS TO MEET THE NEED IF HANOI SHOULD START A NEW OFFENSIVE (UPI, CHITRIB).

WSJ SEES ADMIN'S FAILURE TO WIN INCREASE IN MIL AID FOR SVN AS SOLE MAJOR SETBACK IN MIL ARMS BILL, NOTES SENATE-HOUSE CONFEREES MUST SETTLE FINAL FIGURE SINCE HOUSE VOTED 1.1 BILLION.

VOLZ (NYDN, PHINQ) REPORTS THAT ARMS BILL SUBSEQUENTLY PASSED SENATE BY 84-6, AND THAT HUGHES, NORMALLY AN ADVOCATE OF PENTAGON COST-CUTTING, "BALKS TEDDY" IN CLOSE VOTE ON FURTHER REDUCTION IN SVN MIL AID.

CORDDRY (SUN) ALSO ATTRIBUTES KENNEDY DEFEAT TO "STAUNCH VIETNAM WAR FOE" HUGHES WHOSE GROUNDS WERE THAT SASC HAD THOROUGHLY CONSIDERED THE ISSUE AND ALREADY MADE DEEP CUTS IN THE ADMIN REQUEST. BELIEVES OUTLOOK IS FOR COMPROMISE WITH HOUSE AT ABOUT ONE BILLION. POINTS OUT THAT ADVOCATES OF OVERSEAS TROOP REDUCTION LOST IN BOTH HOUSE AND SENATE BUT GUESSES THAT FURTHER EFFORTS LIKELY TO BE MADE IN OTHER PENDING DEFENSE MEASURES. RICH (WP) QUOTES KENNEDY, ARGUING FOR SUBSTANTIALLY LOWER SVN MIL AID CEILING, THAT US BECOMING ENDLESSLY LOCKED INTO SUPPLY AND RESUPPLY OPERATION, FUELING CONTINUATION OF THE WAR. NOTES THAT AMONG OTHER AMENDMENTS TO BILL, ONE BLOCKS USE OF SPECIAL PENTAGON STOCKPILE TO SUPPLY SVN UNLESS CONGRESS APPROVES.

2. IN FIRST CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY AS AID ADMINISTRATOR, PARKER TELLS HFAC THAT CHALLENGE TO WORLD PEACE IS "IMMEDIATE, DIRECT AND URGENT" IN ME AND INDOCHINA. ASKS CONGRESS FOR 950 MILLION IN INDOCHINA AID, INCLUDING 750 MILLION FOR SVN, 110 MILLION FOR CAMBODIA AND 55.2 MILLION FOR LAOS. DOES NOT GIVE SPECIFICS BUT NOTES THAT REQUEST IS SIGNIFICANT INCREASE OVER CURRENT PROGRAM BECAUSE BELIEVES THAT OPPORTUNITIES NOW EXIST FOR "MAJOR PRODUCTIVITY IMPROVEMENTS" IN SVN (UPI, CHITRIB).

3. WP'S CANNON REPORTS THAT EMOTIONAL COMPARISONS WERE UNCLASSIFIED

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MADE ON RELATIVE BARBARISM OF SAIGON PRISONS AND N VIET TREATMENT OF POWS DURING A CAPITOL HILL MEETING SPONSORED BY AMERICAN CONSERVATIVE UNION, YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM AND YOUNG REPUBLICANS. PURPOSE OF MEETING WAS TO RALLY SUPPORT FOR CONTINUING ECON AND MIL AID TO SVN, AND TO DEMONSTRATE THAT REQUESTED 1.6 BILLION DOL AID FIGURE WAS NEEDED BECAUSE OF NVN VIOLATION OF C-F AGREEMENTS. CITES ED FEULER, EXEC DIRECTOR FOR GROUP OF CONGRESSIONAL CONSERVATIVES WHO RECENTLY VISITED VN, THAT PHOTOS SHOW NVN SENDING SO MANY ILLEGAL SUPPLY TRUCKS DOWN HO TRAIL "IT LOOKS LIKE SHIRLEY HIGHWAY" IN RUSH HOUR. BUT MEETING KEPT RETURNING TO PRISONER ISSUE. DOS' SIEVERTS WAS PRESENT

TO DEFEND CONDUCT OF GVN. A VIET WOMAN AND FRENCH CITIZEN, FORMER PRISONER OF GVN, DEBRIS ALSO PRESENT TO DENOUNCE GVN TREATMENT OF POLITICAL PRISONERS. CANNON REPORTS THAT VIET AID OPPONENTS WERE OUT IN FORCE BECAUSE INVITATIONS WERE SENT TO LIBERAL CONGRESSMEN WHOM THEY KNEW OPPOSED CONTINUED AID. SAID ACU'S JAMES ROBERTS, "WE WANTED THIS TO BE AN OPEN SESSION IN CONTRAST TO A CLOSED MEETING THAT JANE FONDA AND TOM HAYDEN HELD WITH CONGRESSMEN OPPOSED TO AID. WE DIDN'T WANT IT TO BE A PEP RALLY."

4. GVN AND VC RESUME JMC MEETINGS, NO PROGRESS REPORTED (WP). COMMUNIST SPOKESMAN SAYS WILL NOT DISCUSS SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS AT JMC UNTIL GUARANTEED THAT PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES WOULD BE SAFEGUARDED (AP, NYPOST 6/11). SVN REPRESENTATIVE AT JMC MEETING APPARENTLY ADOPTS CONCILIATORY STANCE, ACCEPTS VC SUGGESTION OF FRIDAY MEETING TO DISCUSS PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF COMMUNIST DELEGATION (NYT).

5. SVN AND NVN INFANTRY AND TANKS BATTLE THROUGHOUT DAY IN AREA 25 MILES NORTH OF SAIGON. SVN COMMAND SAYS COMMUNIST FORCES BOMBARD FOUR GVN OUTPOSTS NEAR KHMER BORDER, ASSAULT THREE (WP).

6. UPI SAIGON REPORTS ON GOOD LIFE FOR AMERICANS WHO CAN "LIVE LIKE KINGS FOR ONLY A FEW DOLLARS A DAY" SINCE US TAXPAYER PICKS UP MOST OF THE REST OF THE TAB. AMERICANS "PAY NO TAXES TO ANY GOVERNMENT OR UNCLASSIFIED

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THEY RECEIVE A SPECIAL ALLOWANCE ON TOP OF THEIR SALARIES WITH WHICH TO PAY TAXES", WITH GOOD LIVING AT COST BOTH OF POORER COUSINS AT HOME AND THE VIETS AROUND THEM. THEY CAN LIVE IN "LITTLE AMERICA", BUY CHEAP LUXURY GOODS AND IMPORTED FOOD AND, EXCEPT FOR SERVANTS AND A FEW GVN OFFICIALS, NEVER SPEAK TO A VIET AND SEE THEM ONLY THROUGH TINTED WINDOWS OF CHAUFFEUR-DRIVEN, AIR-CONDITIONED CARS AND BUSES. MOST OF 6500 AMERICANS IN VN, INCLUDING PRESS CORPS, LIVE BETTER THAN AT HOME, THOUGH SUBSIDIZED LIFE DOES NOT INCLUDE "HANDFUL" OF US BUSINESSMEN RUNNING COMPANIES TIED DIRECTLY TO VN ECONOMY. OTHER PRIVILEGES INCLUDE SUBSIDIZED, DUTY-FREE POSTAL SERVICE, EXCLUSIVE SWIMMING POOLS, US RADIO STATION, FREE GASOLINE, RESTRICTED NIGHTCLUBS (S-N 6/11).

7. INCREASED CRITICISM OF GKR FOR INFLATION AND CORRUPTION CULMINATES IN SHAKEUP WITH LONG BORET REMAINING IN SADDLE (UPI, CHITRIB). SHIPER (NYT) IN PP QUOTES LONG BORET IN INTERVIEW THAT HE WAS ASKED BY LON NOL TO REMAIN IN OFFICE DESPITE DROPOUT OF SIX MINISTERS. SAYS FOREIGN DIPLOMATS AND NUMBER OF GKR OFFICIALS EXPECT

"MUSICAL CHAIRS" IN CABINET BUT NO REAL CHANGE IN POLICIES OR LEVEL OF COMPETENCE. SHIPLER SAYS THIS WOULD DISAPPOINT LON NOL'S OPPONENTS BUT "APPARENTLY REASSURE" US OFFICIALS WHO REGARD STABILITY AS ESSENTIAL ATTRIBUTE TO BRING ENEMY TO NEGOTIATIONS; BUT WITH INSURGENTS MAKING SLOW GAINS ON BATTLEFIELD AND PROBABLY EMBOLDENED BY DISSENT IN GKR, MOST DIPLOMATS SEE LITTLE MOTIVE FOR THEM TO BEGIN TALKS NOW. REVIEWS BACKGROUND OF TEACHERS' STRIKE AND STUDENT PROTEST THAT RESULTED IN DEATH OF

TWO OFFICIALS, BUT SEES CABINET RESIGNATIONS AS UNRELATED SINCE SUBMITTED PRIOR TO KILLINGS. CABINET'S FOUR REPUBLICAN MEMBERS SAY THEY QUIT BECAUSE OF ASSEMBLY'S INSISTENCE THAT THEY APPEAR BEFORE LEGISLATORS FOR QUESTIONING; REPUBLICANS DO NOT RECOGNIZE LEGISLATURE THAT THEY CLAIM WAS FRAUDULENTLY ELECTED. REASONS FOR LATER RESIGNATION OF TWO INDEPENDENT CABINET MEMBERS UNCLEAR. LONG BORET SAYS SOME SHIFTS PROBABLY WILL BE MADE BY WEEKEND. SHIPLER COMMENTS THAT BORET UNCLASSIFIED

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RELAXED, CONFIDENT AND HOPEFUL THAT COALITION COULD BE MAINTAINED AND PERHAPS BROADENED BY BRINGING IN DEMOCRATIC PARTY, WHICH MAKES NO SECRET OF DISLIKE FOR LON NOL. QUOTES DP HEAD CHAU SAU IN EARLIER INTERVIEW THAT GKR "INCAPABLE OF MAKING WAR AND INCAPABLE OF MAKING PEACE." CITES REPUBLICANS SIRIK MATAK AND RECENTLY-RESIGNED PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER AS BEING LESS OPENLY CRITICAL OF NON NOL, WITH LATTER SAYING THAT HE STILL CONSIDERS HIMSELF "ON THE SAME TEAM" AS MARSHAL.

8. FIELD REPORTS SAY KHMER COMMUNIST TROOPS REPEL GKR DRIVE TO REOPEN "RICE ROAD". MIL SOURCES REPORT 15-SHIP MEKONG CONVOY RUNS GAUNTLET 45 MILES SOUTH OF PP, WITH ONE TANKER SET AFIRE AND SLIGHTLY DAMAGED (UPI, CHITRIB).

CHINA

9. AP TOKYO CITES JAPANESE DISPATCH FROM PEKING REPORTING THAT PRC HAS BEGUN NEGOTIATIONS TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PHILIPPINES, THAILAND, SINGAPORE AND INDONESIA. ASAHI REPORTS NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED AT UN, AND THAT PEKING IS SEEKING FORMAL TIES WITH ASEAN ON BASIS OF "MALAYSIA-TYPE" FORMULA THAT INCLUDES CHINA'S FIVE PRINCIPLES OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE. UNDER PRC-GOM AGREEMENT, KL RECOGNIZES PEKING AS ONLY LEGAL GOVT. OF CHINA AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT TAIWAN IS "INALIENABLE PART" OF CHINA (SUN).

10. NCNA CHARGES SOVIET HAS REVEALED ITS "PLUNDER AND EXPLOITATION" OF THIRD-WORLD PEOPLES BY REFUSING

TO REPLY TO IRAN'S "REASONABLE" DEMAND FOR HIGHER NATURAL GAS PRICES. AGENCY QUOTES WITH APPROVAL EDITORIAL IN IRANIAN NEWSPAPER SAYING SOVIET DENIES ITS CITIZENS MOST OF LIFE'S NEEDS FOR SAKE OF ARMAMENT RACE. NCNA CHARGES SOVIET LEADERSHIP'S ATTITUDE TO TREATIES AND AGREEMENTS IS TO ADHERE TO THEM "WHEN THEY WORK IN ITS FAVOR," BUT TO VIOLATE OR TEAR THEM UP "WHEN THEY DO NOT" (REUTER TOKYO 6/11).

AP TOKYO NOTES PEOPLE'S DAILY'S CASTIGATION OF SOME CHINESE UNCLASSIFIED

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WHO DESIRE RELAXATION OR PLEASURE IN ART AND DON'T WANT ANY MORE DRAMAS ABOUT HARDSHIP AND VIOLENT STRUGGLE. PD INSISTS THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS WORK OF PURE ENTERTAINMENT, THAT ALL ART IS DESIGNED TO SERVE ONE CLASS OR ANOTHER, AND THAT LIN PIAO AND OTHERS LIKE HIM PROMOTED COMIC MOVIES AND PROGRAMS TO MAKE PEOPLE FORGET CLASS STRUGGLE AMID SOUNDS OF LAUGHTER (PHINQ).

JAPAN

11. JAPAN IN WORST ECONOMIC SLUMP SINCE POSTWAR RECOVERY. ECONOMIC ACTIVITY DOWN 5 PERCENT IN REAL TERMS -- LARGEST DROP SINCE 1955. MIYAZAKI OF ECON. PLANNING AGCY. PREDICTS NO GROWTH FOR THIS QUARTER AND POSSIBLY FURTHER DECLINE WITH 2 PERCENT GROWTH FOR NEXT YEAR -- ONE OF LOWEST RATES IN JAPANESE HISTORY -- PROVIDED GOVT. MAINTAINS TIGHT MONEY CONTROLS DESIGNED TO HALT RUNAWAY INFLATION. MIYAZAKI FORESEES NO RELAXATION -- WOULD CREATE VIOLENT RISE IN PRICES AND WAGE-PRICE SPIRAL. HINTS NEED FOR WAGE CONTROL -- BUT NEXT MONTH'S

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS HAVE SO FAR KEPT GOVT. FROM MAKING OUTRIGHT DEMAND (HALLORAN, NYT; CULLISON, JOC). MEANWHILE JAPAN'S WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX CONTINUES TO RISE FOR 28TH CONSECUTIVE MONTH. YEN'S PURCHASING POWER HAS DROPPED 50 PERCENT IN LAST 21 MONTHS (JOC).

12. HEAD OF 600,000-MEMBER JAPANESE TEACHERS UNION ARRESTED FOLLOWING ARRESTS OF 20 LOWER-LEVEL OFFICIALS. OTHERS HAD BEEN RELEASED WITHOUT CHARGES AFTER QUESTIONING. TACTICS DESCRIBED BY UNION AS "HARASSMENT." AT ISSUE IS RIGHT OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES TO STRIKE AND ENGAGE IN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES -- NOW FORBIDDEN BY LAW. TANAKA, SUPPORTER OF CURRENT LAW, HAS TURNED FEUD WITH UNION INTO MAJOR ISSUE IN NEXT MONTH'S PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (SUN).

13. JAPAN CALLED "MOST NOTORIOUS" SANCTION BUSTER IN RHODESIA BY OAU. APPEARS JAPAN STEPPED UP TRADE SINCE UN BAN 10 YEARS AGO. OAU CLAIMS "ALMOST EVERY COMMODITY"

IN RHODESIAN SHOPS OF JAPANESE ORIGIN (CSM).

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14. JAPANESE IRON AND STEEL EXPORTER'S ASSOC. REPORTS EXPECTED 44.3 PERCENT INCREASE IN STEEL EXPORTS, VALUED ABOVE \$8.8 BILLION. MAJOR JAPANESE STEEL COMPANIES SENDING SALES TEAM TO CHINA, HELD TO "BADLY NEED JAPANESE STEEL." CHINESE EXPECTED TO IMPORT BETWEEN 1.5-1.8 MILLION TONS FROM JULY-DEC. NEGOTIATIONS EXPECTED TO BEGIN AROUND 6/15 (JOC).

15. JAPANESE BANKS SAID TO SUSTAIN EXCEPTIONALLY STRONG GROWTH PERFORMANCE--INCLUDING 3 IN TOP 10 WORLD BANKS. WITHIN JAPAN, TOP TEN EXPANDED BY 41.3 PERCENT, COMPARED TO 31 PERCENT FOR TOP 10 EEC BANKS (JOC).

16. JAPANESE FINANCE MINISTRY OFFICIAL REPORTS NEW MEASURE TO PLUG LOOPHOLE ON INSIDERS TRANSACTION IN SECURITIES MAY SOON BE FORTHCOMING. CURRENT LAW MAKES NO PROVISION FOR PUNISHMENT IN SUCH CASES (JOC).

17. MITSUBISHI PETROCHEMICAL NOW SENDING 50 TONS OF PLASTIC PAPER MONTHLY TO U.S. IN MARKETING TEST. MAY SOON INCREASE TO 100. MITSUBISHI'S IS ONLY PAPER MADE FROM POLYPROPYLENE--WATERPROOF, BEST PRINTABILITY. COMPANY INTERESTED IN PROMOTING RECYCLING OF PLASTICS AS WELL. HAS DEVELOPED WASTE PLASTICS PROCESSOR. FIRM'S PRES. KUROKAWA SAYS PLASTIC-PRODUCERS DO NOT HAVE MATERIAL

AVAILABLE TO SEARCH FOR NEW CUSTOMERS ABROAD. DIRECT EXPORTS AMOUNT TO 10 PERCENT OF TOTAL PLASTIC PRODUCTION, AND INDIRECT EXPORTS (IN MANUFACTURED GOODS) AN ADDITIONAL 20 PERCENT (JOC).

18. TANAKA SEEKS TESTS OF NUCLEAR-POWERED MERCHANT SHIP MUTSU, AT ANCHOR SINCE 1972. TESTS HAVE BEEN OPPOSED BY FISHERMEN FEARING EFFECTS OF RADIOACTIVE POLLUTION. OIL CRISIS HAS BROUGHT THIS ISSUE TO FOREFRONT, BRINGING HOME TO GOVT. VULNERABILITY OF ITS INDUSTRIAL ECONOMY BASED ON OIL IMPORTS (JOC'S CULLISON).

FRANCE'S S. PACIFIC A-TESTS

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19. GOF CLOSES OFF MURUROA ATOLL IN PREPARATION FOR NINTH SERIES OF TESTS, WHICH COULD COME THIS WEEK (UPI, PHINQ; CSM). OUSTED SERVAN-SCHREIBER CHARGES FRENCH MILITARY CONCOCTED FALSE ATMOSPHERE OF URGENCY TO FORCE GISCARD INTO NEW A-TESTS, "WITHOUT ANY RATIONAL

JUSTIFICATION" (REUTER, NYT).

AUSTRALIA

20. US MARINES SWARM ONTO SABINA POINT BEACHES IN AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST PEACETIME MILITARY EXERCISE. DUBBED "KANGAROO ONE," 14-DAY OPERATION ALSO FEATURES LANDINGS BY 1,500 MEN OF THIRD MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE IN ADDITION TO TROOPS, SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT FROM AUSTRALIA, NZ AND UK (UPI, NYDN).

PHILIPPINES

21. WP HAS FULL TWO-PAGE AD ON FILS, INCLUDING MESSAGES FROM MARCOS AND ROMULO, PROFILE OF MARCOS, REPORT ON ECONOMY, HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE, PORTRAIT OF FIRST LADY, TRAVEL GUIDE AND ESSAY ON COUNTRY'S CULTURE.

22. REUTER BANGKOK REPORTS REPS OF SIX SEATO COUNTRIES (FRANCE ABSENT) BEGAN TWO-WEEK SEMINAR THERE WEDNESDAY TO EXAMINE WAYS OF PROMOTING THEIR NATIONAL SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. SESSION OPENED BY RTG'S DEFMIN. FIFTY CIVILIAN AND MILITARY DELEGATES FROM AUSTRALIA, NZ, PHILIPPINES, THAILAND, BRITAIN AND US WERE PRESENT FOR OPENING THREE-PART SEMINAR.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

VIETNAM

23. LAT'S MCARTHUR (JUNE 9) IN SAIGON REPORTS SUDDEN RELEASE FROM JAIL OF THIEU POLITICAL OPPONENT TRAN NGOC CHAU, AND THIEU'S CRACKDOWN ON ARMY FOR CORRUPTION AND SOFT LIVING. VIEWS TIMING AS RELATED TO CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION OF ANNUAL AID PACKAGE, AND ASSERTS ALSO THAT CHAU RELEASE WAS ONE OF LONG-UNCLASSIFIED

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STANDING REQUESTS OF US EMBASSY, WHICH HAS BEEN QUIETLY ATTEMPTING TO WIN FROM THIEU A NUMBER OF MOVES TO IMPROVE HIS IMAGE.

BALANCE OF MCARTHUR ARTICLE DEVOTED TO DETAILS OF THIEU EFFORTS TO CLEAN UP ARVN, NOTING THAT IN HIS 5 YEARS AS PRESIDENT, THIEU HAS REFUSED TO CRACK DOWN EFFECTIVELY ON ANY OF THE GENERALS WHO COLLECTIVELY FORM HIS STRONGEST SUPPORTERS. CITES THIEU DEFENDERS - NOTABLY IN US EMBASSY - AS SAYING THAT THIEU'S RELUCTANCE TO MOVE AGAINST GENERALS WAS NECESSARY TO CONSOLIDATE HIS GOVT, AND AS NOW FEELING THAT PERHAPS THIEU IS GENUINELY TAKING SOME SERIOUS STEPS, THOUGH EXPECTING HIS PACE WILL BE CAUTIOUS.

24. CHITRIB'S KIRK (JUNE 9) IN SAIGON SAYS "IT'S TIME TO WRITE A BIZARRE NEW CHAPTER IN THE UNENDING SAGA OF 'MISSION IN TORMENT'...A BOOK ABOUT CONFLICT WITHIN THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AT AN EARLIER PERIOD OF THE VIET NAM WAR." CENTRAL FIGURE, HE SAYS, WOULD BE AMBASSADOR MARTIN; SECONDARY FIGURES WOULD INCLUDE YOUNG DIPLOMATS AND US AID OFFICIALS, SOME OF WHOM AGREE LESS THAN TOTALLY WITH MARTIN'S DECISIONS. QUOTES ONE OF AMBASSADOR'S DEFENDERS THAT MARTIN HAS A LOT OF COURAGE, POINTING OUT THE ZEAL WITH WHICH HE UNHESITATINGLY CRITICIZED OUTPOURINGS OF NEWS CORRESPONDENTS, SEN. KENNEDY AND OTHERS WHO, HE FEELS, WOULD COMPROMISE US COMMITMENT TO VN. ALSO QUOTES MARTIN COMMENT THAT "IF THE ELDERLY LEADERS OF HANOI ARE STILL COUNTING ON THE EFFICACY OF THEIR PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN BEING WAGED IN THE UNITED STATES TO CURTAIL DRASTICALLY THE AID THAT THE REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM WILL NEED OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS, THIS TOO WILL PROVE TO BE AN ILLUSORY DREAM...IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO DECEIVE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR A WHILE, BUT, AS THE WHOLE TRUTH EMERGES ABOUT THE CURRENT REALITIES IN VIET NAM, THE AMERICAN CONGRESS CAN BE COUNTED ON TO MAKE THE CORRECT DECISIONS."

NOTES THAT MARTIN RESPONDED TO KENNEDY'S OPPOSITION TO HIS VIEWS BY INVOKING NAMES OF SENATOR'S LATE UNCLASSIFIED

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BROTHERS, AND QUOTED ROBERT KENNEDY THAT "THE ONE BASIC CONDITION, THE ONE IRREDUCIBLE DEMAND, ONE POINT WE CANNOT YIELD," THE US WOULD "NOT ABANDON SOUTH VIET NAM TO FORCIBLE TAKEOVER BY A MINORITY." IN VIEW THESE REMARKS, KIRK ASKS WHETHER MARTIN REGARDS SELF AS DIPLOMAT OR POLITICIAN. SAYS ANSWER, WHICH MARTIN DOES NOT GIVE IN SO MANY WORDS, IS THAT HE BELIEVES DOMESTIC US POLITICAL FACTORS ARE SO INTERTWINED WITH SVN'S FUTURE AS TO MAKE IT NECESSARY FOR HIM TO ASSUME A POLITICAL ROLE. THUS, MARTIN LOBBIES AND CAMPAIGNS IRREPRESSIBLY FOR ENTRENCHED REGIME. INTEGRAL ASPECT OF MARTIN'S UNREMITTING SUPPORT OF GVN IS HIS CONTINUING EFFORT TO RESTRICT FLOW OF INFO FROM OFFICIAL US SOURCES TO PRESS.

CAMBODIA

25. FROM PP, LAT'S MCARTHUR (JUNE 9) REPORTS TALK OF CRISIS IN KHMER CAPITAL WITH CABINET BESET BY RESIGNATIONS, EDUCATION MINISTER AND HIS DEPUTY KILLED IN CONFRONTATION WITH STUDENTS, AND COMMUNIST LOBBING OF ROCKETS INTO PP AN ALMOST DAILY OCCURRENCE. CRISIS TALK IS COMPOUNDED BY WEATHER; GOOD FIGHTING

WEATHER IS COMING TO END AND THOSE IN HIGH POSITIONS
WEIGH WHAT WAS WON OR LOST AND WHAT NEXT CYCLE WILL
BRING.

CITES WESTERN EXPERT THAT KR, NOW UNDER COORDINATED
DIRECTION OF HOME-GROWN COMMUNIST ORGANIZATION NURTURED
BY PEKING AND HANOI, AS NOT BEING "BIG ENOUGH OR STRONG
ENOUGH TO WIN, BUT...CERTAINLY NOT WEAK ENOUGH TO LOSE."
ACCORDING MCARTHUR, THIS BALANCE HAS BEEN ACCEPTED AS
FACT OF LIFE BY US EMBASSY; POLICY IS TO STRENGTHEN
LON NOL GOVT. WHILE PERSUADING COMMUNISTS TO NEGOTIATE -
TASKS WHICH PROMISE TO BE DIFFICULT. UNDER PRESUMED
LEADERSHIP OF KHIEU SAMPHAN, KR HAS REBUFFED ALL
OVERTURES TO NEGOTIATE. MCARTHUR ATTRIBUTES THIS PARTLY
TO KR HAVING TROUBLES OF THEIR OWN, COMMENTING THAT
THE COMMUNIST SETUP IS JUST AS MUCH A CAMBODIAN MESS
AS THE SITUATION IN PP. ALTHOUGH SIHANOUK IS NOMINAL
LEADER, HE IS TRUSTED BY NEITHER HANOI NOR PEKING, BOTH OF
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WHICH ARE MANEUVERING FOR DOMINANT ROLE. KHIEU SAMPHAN
IS FELT TO BE PRO-PEKING, BUT IN ADDITION TO CONTROLLING
SUPPLY LINE WHICH MUST CARRY "FREE" MIL SUPPORT FROM
PRC TO KHIEU SAMPHAN, HANOI HAS SEVERAL THOUSAND ADVISERS
IN UPPER LEVELS OF KR AND EFFECTIVELY INFLUENCES ITS MIL
HQS. MOREOVER, THE 5,000 ETHNIC KHMER CADRES WHO MAKE
UP BACKBONE OF KR WERE VIRTUALLY ALL HANOI-TRAINED.

THERE HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED CONTACTS BETWEEN LON NOL'S
PEOPLE AND RANKING KR REPS IN LAOS AND BANGKOK AS
WELL AS WITHIN CAMBODIA. QUOTES KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCES
THAT MEMBERS OF PP'S CHINESE COMMUNITY - OVERWHELMINGLY
PRO-PEKING - HAVE TRAVELED BACK TO PEKING ON MISSIONS
KNOWN TO GKR. SOME SOURCES FEEL THIS WILL PRODUCE
NEGOTIATIONS BY END 1974; US EMBASSY OPENLY HOPES SO.
EMBASSY WOULD THEN, IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, FACE PROSPECT
OF DUMPING LON NOL. MEANWHILE, AMBASSADOR DEAN IS
COMMITTED TO PROPPING UP THE REGIME - BOTH IN PREPARATION
FOR NEGOTIATIONS AND TO KEEP NON-COMMUNIST CAMBODIA
AFLOAT UNTIL DUST SETTLES IN SVN - A PROSPECT NOT NOW
IN SIGHT.

CHINA

26. DETROIT NEWS' TER HORST (JUNE 2) SEES PRES' TRIP TO
MOSCOW - SECOND SINCE HE WAS IN PEKING - DISCONCERTING
MAO REGIME AS WELL AS WESTERN AND ASIAN DIPLOMATS
INTERESTED IN PROMISED IMPROVEMENT IN SINO-US RELATIONS.
ALWAYS SUSPICIOUS OF SUPERPOWER DEAL AT PRC EXPENSE,
SAYS TER HORST, PEKING APPARENTLY HAS BEEN GOING THROUGH
TOP-LEVEL REVIEW OF ITS BUDDING RELATIONS WITH US AND
MAO HAS PERMITTED CHOU CRITICS TO SURFACE IN RECENT
MONTHS - AN INDICATION THAT CHOU'S EFFORTS TO NORMALIZE
SINO-US RELATIONS MAY BE NO MORE POPULAR IN SOME CHINESE

QUARTERS THAN IN US. SINO-US TRADE HAS BOOMED; BUT IT HAS BEEN ALL ONE WAY - FAVORING US. THIS TRADE INEQUALITY CONSTANTLY IS CITED BY PRCLO OFFICIALS AND AT UN AS EXAMPLE OF UNWORKABILITY OF NIXON PLEDGE FOR "MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL" COMMERCE GIVEN IN PEKING TWO YEARS AGO. HANG-UP IS CONGRESS, WHICH REFUSED TO GIVE CHINA MFN STATUS, WITH CHINA AND RUSSIA TIED TOGETHER IN SAME MFN STATUS LEGISLATION. THUS, PRC FEELS IT IS PAYING PRICE FOR MOSCOW PROBLEM AND, GIVEN INTENSIVE SINO-SOVIET UNCLASSIFIED

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RIVALRY OVER IDEOLOGY AND BORDER PROBLEMS, PRC DOES NOT READILY UNDERSTAND WHY THIS SHOULD BE SO IN WASHINGTON.

HAK UNDERSTOOD TO BE WORRIED ABOUT PRC -US BREAKDOWN. ABOUT ALL HAK HAS DONE TO HELP CHOU WITHSTAND HIS CRITICS IS TO SET IN MOTION LIMITED US PLANE AND TROOP WITHDRAWALS FROM TAIWAN.

KREMLIN LEADERS HAVE MADE NO SECRET OF THEIR WORRIES ABOUT PEKING-WASHINGTON ACCORD AND WOULD LIKE TO DISRUPT IT. BUT US OFFICIALS INSIST THAT PRES' TRIP TO MOSCOW WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO DESTROY SINO-US BRIDGE, AND HINT CAUTIOUSLY THAT HAK OR PRES MAY HAVE TO DO SOMETHING VISIBLE AND IMPORTANT TO CONVEY THAT MESSAGE TO PEKING BEFORE EYES OF WORLD AND KREMLIN. SOME DO

NOT RULE OUT NEW, SURPRISE TRIP TO PEKING BY HAK OR EVEN SECOND CHINA TRIP BY PRES. BUT WH AIDES CAST COLD WATER ON LATTER IDEA, AT LEAST FOR THIS YEAR.

27. ON BASIS OF BRIEFINGS BY AZIZ AHMED FOR PRES, SECSTATE AND SECDEF OF BHUTTO MEETING WITH CHOU EN-LAI, TAD SZULC (WP OP ED) SEES PRC'S PERCEPTION OF LONG-RANGE SOVIET THREAT SHIFTING AWAY FROM SINO-SOVIET BORDER TO S ASIA AND BEYOND TO PERSIAN GULF AREA, AND VIEWS CHINA AS BEING INCREASINGLY CONCERNED WITH GROWING USSR INFLUENCE IN INDIA AND AFGHANISTAN. CHINA'S VIEW - APPARENTLY SHARED BY SENIOR DOS POLICY THINKERS - IS THAT THE ASIAN LAND MASS FROM EASTERN HIMALAYAN RANGES TO PERSIAN GULF REPRESENTS DANGEROUSLY UNSTABLE STRATEGIC REGION.

CHOU PRESENTED IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS OF CHANGING WORLD SITUATION TO BHUTTO AND AZIZ AHMED IN PEKING. BHUTTO, ACCORDING DIPLOMATS FAMILIAR WITH CONVERSATIONS, RELAYED ANALYSIS VIA AZIZ AHMED TO PRES ON MAY 23, AND AZIZ AHMED TO HAK AND SECDEF IN EARLY JUNE. ASSUMPTION IS THAT CHOU WAS ACTIVELY INTERESTED IN HAVING PAKS DISCREETLY RELAY HIS THOUGHTS TO NIXON, WHO WAS PREPARING FOR MEETING WITH BREZHNEV. NOT KNOWN WHETHER CHINESE HAVE GIVEN "SIMILAR IDEAS" TO BRUCE IN PEKING OR WHETHER

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TENG DID SO WITH HAK IN NY.

SHIFTING CHINESE PERCEPTION OF USSR MOVES IS THAT MOSCOW HAS SET COURSE ON POLITICAL STRATEGY IN S ASIA AND PERSIAN GULF TO OUTFLANK CHINA FROM SOUTH AND TO ESTABLISH ITS PRESENCE AND INFLUENCE CONCLUSIVELY ON EASTERN APPROACHES TO PERSIAN GULF.

PRC WOULD, THEREFORE, WELCOME MORE ENERGETIC US POSTURE IN DEALINGS WITH BREZHNEV OVER PAKISTAN PERSIAN GULF AREA. SHE IS PLEASED WITH US MIL COOPERATION WITH IRAN AND, PRESUMABLY, WOULD LOOK KINDLY ON LIFTING US ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST PAKISTAN.

ON PAK IMPRESSIONS GATHERED IN PEKING LAST MONTH: THERE IS NOTHING TO CORROBORATE REPORTS THAT CHOU IS BEING POLITICALLY ECLIPSED BY TENG HSIAO-PING. ALTHOUGH HIS HEALTH IS FRAIL AND HE MISSED SOME SOCIAL EVENTS DURING BHUTTO VISIT, CHOU PERSONALLY CONDUCTED ALL WORKING SESSIONS WITH PAKS, AND POLITICAL STANDING SEEMED BEYOND DISPUTE. AND PAKS DETECTED NO VEERING AWAY FROM CHINESE RELATIONSHIP WITH US.

AUSTRALIA

28. LAT'S LAMB (JUNE 9) IN CANUNGRA, QLD., REPORTS THAT EVERY AUSTRALIAN IN UNIFORM FROM PRIVATE TO GENERAL STILL REQUIRED TO PASS TOUGH FOUR-WEEK COMBAT COURSE. WITH AUSTRALIA ASSUMING LESS AGGRESSIVE "PERIMETER DEFENSE" AND WHITLAM SAYING NATION'S TROOPS WILL NOT AGAIN FIGHT ON FOREIGN SOIL, TRAINING IS CONCENTRATING LESS ON JUNGLE FIGHTING AND MORE ON TYPE OF WARFARE NATION MIGHT BE FACED WITH IN ITS OWN BACK YARD. WITH ITS LIMITED MIL CAPABILITY, AUSTRALIA COULD ONLY HOPE TO FIGHT A DELAYING ACTION INITIALLY IN EVENT OF EMERGENCY. CITES MIL ANALYSTS WHO SEE NO EXTERNAL THREAT TO AUSTRALIA FOR NEXT "10 TO 15 YEARS" AS BELIEVING NATION'S MINERALS AND OPEN FARM LANDS WOULD BE PRIME ATTRACTION TO ANY INVADING FORCE.

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29. IN SEOUL, LAT'S JAMESON OBSERVES THAT NEITHER INTERROGATION OF EX-PRES. YUNX POSUN NOR ARREST OF REV. PARK HYONG KYU HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED BY ROKG. INFORMED SOURCES TOLD LAT ABOUT CASE UNDER THREAT OF THEIR OWN ARREST FOR REVEALING UNANNOUNCED DETENTIONS.

OUTLINE OF FACTS, HOWEVER, WAS CONFIRMED PRIVATELY BY HIGH GOVT. OFFICIAL. LEARNED THAT WOMAN INSTRUCTOR AT PRESTIGIOUS SEOUL WOMEN'S U, LEE U JONG, ALSO HAS BEEN HELD INCOMMUNICADO SINCE APRIL 18 IN CONNECTION WITH CASE. SHE PASSED MONEY FROM YUN TO PARK WITHOUT BEING INFORMED WHAT IT WAS TO BE USED FOR, ACCORDING SOURCES (6/11).

30. IN EARLIER COLUMN, JAMESON REPORTS EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH FM KIM DONG JO. KIM ASSERTED THAT DESPITE ROKG'S ARREST AND DETENTION OF TWO JAPANESE NATIONALS AND TRIAL OF KIM TAE-CHUNG, ROK-JAPANESE RELATIONS ARE NOT DETERIORATING -- THOUGH THEY ARE NOT "IMPROVING TOO MUCH," EITHER. "ASKED ABOUT TWO REFERENCES HE MADE TO RELATIONS WITH JAPAN NOT IMPROVING, KIM BACKTRACKED A STEP TO SAY -- UNENTHUSIASTICALLY - 'WELL, (THEY ARE) RATHER IMPROVING.'" FM SAID KIM TAE-CHUNG WILL NOT RECEIVE PASSPORT TO US WHILE HE IS ON TRIAL OR WHILE GOVT. INVESTIGATION OF HIS ABDUCTION LAST AUGUST IS CONTINUING; ADDED HE DOES NOT KNOW IF KIDNAPPING INQUIRY ACTUALLY IS UNDER WAY. ASKED IF SEOUL IS UNWILLING TO GIVE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION IN ANY MATTER FOR SAKE OF IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH JAPAN, FM SAID IN REFERENCE TO TWO JAPANESE BEING

HELD BY ROKG THAT THEIR COURT-MARTIAL HAS NOT BEGUN, SO STAGE NOT SET FOR POLITICAL CONSIDERATION AT THIS MOMENT. KIM CHARGED THAT CHOSEN SOREN IS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES IN COOPERATION WITH JCP AND JSP; SAID MANY AGENTS WELL-TRAINED IN NK ARE SMUGGLED INTO JAPAN AND SOMETIMES DISGUISE THEMSELVES AS KOREANS WITH BONAFIDE PASSPORTS AND COME TO SK AND ARE ARRESTED (LAT 6/8).

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31. HARRY ASHMORE, IN SEOUL, SUGGESTS KIM TAE-CHUNG MAY BE "MOST IMPORTANT POLITICAL PRISONER IN THE WORLD." DISCOVERS "GROWING BELIEF HERE AND IN TOKYO" THAT, DESPITE OFFICIAL PROTESTATIONS OF THEIR GOVTS, POWERFUL, STRATEGICALLY-PLACED AMERICANS AND JAPANESE HAVE VESTED INTEREST IN KIM'S CONTINUED SILENCE, AND NO REAL DISPOSITION TO PRESS FOR HIS RELEASE. SAYS "ABLE" AMB. HABIB FIRMLY DENIES ANY SUCH DOUBLE-DEALING ON US SIDE; BUT "HE DOES CONCEDE" THAT LIMITS OF HIS INSTRUCTIONS FROM US ARE TO OFFER VISA FOR KIM -- AN APPROACH TO PROBLEM THAT "SEEMS UNDULY MILD" FOR US WHICH OVER PAST QUARTER CENTURY HAS HAD INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH SK AS LIBERATOR, POLITICAL MENTOR, MILITARY DEFENDER, FINANCIAL MAINSTAY AND COLD WAR PARTNER."

HOLDS THAT DESPITE ALL THIS, SK "HAS LARGELY DROPPED OUT OF THE AMERICAN POLITICAL CONSCIOUSNESS" AND MOST OF THE AMERICANS INVOLVED "CHERISH THIS LOW PROFILE." KIM TAE-CHUNG "COULD HARDLY BE EXPECTED TO AROUSE MUCH SYMPATHY" AMONG REPS OF US COMMERCIAL INTERESTS "WHO ENJOY PROFITABLE RELATIONSHIPS" WITH PARK REGIME, BUREAUCRATS "WHO FUNNEL IN HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS IN ECONOMIC AID," MILITARY MEN WHO EQUIP ROK ARMY AND AIR FORCE "AND USE AMERICAN DOLLARS TO MAINTAIN THEIR OWN GARRISONS IN A LOW RISK, NONHARDSHIP, SEMICOMBAT ZONE THAT -- FOR OFFICERS AT LEAST -- IS PLEASANT DUTY, OR THE SURVIVING POLITICAL COLD WARRIORS WHO CONSTITUTE A VOLUNTARY WASHINGTON LOBBY" FOR PARK. LAUDING KIM'S COURAGE AND DEVOTION TO CAUSE OF POPULAR GOVT., ASHMORE INSISTS HE DESERVES CHANCE TO BE HEARD AGAIN -- PARTICULARLY IN US, WHICH PROVIDED "INSPIRATION THAT SENT HIM INTO THE LISTS AGAINST TYRANNY AND BROUGHT HIM TO HIS PRESENT PASS" (LAT 6/9).

32. BOSTON GLOBE'S STORIN, IN TOKYO, HOLDS THAT ARRAYING "STANDARD" JAPANESE GOVT. AGAINST "ERRATIC AND RECENTLY DESPOTIC RULE" OF PARK IS COMPARABLE TO ASKING SOME

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CHICAGO POLICE FORCE OF 1968. AS TENSIONS RISE IN SEOUL, GOJ CANNOT BE DISINTERESTED BECAUSE IT IS LEADING NON-COMMUNIST NATION OF ASIA AND "CURRENT FRAGILE ATMOSPHERE IN SEOUL BEGAN WITH (KIM TAE-CHUNG) INCIDENT ON JAPANESE SOIL." CITES ONE COMMENT "THAT IS PERHAPS MORE SIGNIFICANT IN LIGHT OF ALL THE FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE FOREIGN POLICY" IN JAPAN: GAIMUSHO OFFICIAL WHILE SHOWING NO SYMPATHY FOR PARK'S TACTICS, REMARKED, "STILL WE LIKE A DICTATORSHIP MORE THAN WE LIKE A TOTALITARIAN STATE." SEES EMBARRASSMENT FOR SK HEIGHTENED BY ITS REVOCATION OF VISA TO CSM CORRESPONDENT POND (6/9) .

GENERAL

33. ARNOLD BEICHMAN (CSM) REVIEWS CHALMERS JOHNSON'S "AUTOPSY ON PEOPLE'S WAR." SAYS JOHNSON DEALS WITH CONCEPT OF "PEOPLE'S WAR" AS DEVELOPED BY MAO AND WITH THE 1960S WHEN THERE WAS "A FLOURISHING COMMERCE IN THE EXPORT OF REVOLUTION AND COUNTER-REVOLUTION." REGARDS JOHNSON AS HAVING "BRILLIANTLY COMPRESSED THE IDEAS WHICH MADE THE VICTORIES OF MAO AND HO CHI MINH POSSIBLE." JOHNSON OFFERS A DEFINITION OF COUNTERINSURGENCY OPERATIONS, SUGGESTS REASONS FOR THE EFFECTIVENESS

OF GUERRILLA WARFARE AND DISCUSSES WHAT HE SEES AS
CHE GUEVARA'S SELF-DEFEATING DEVIATIONS FROM "PEOPLE'S
WAR."

34. MOST PAPERS REPORT INGERSOLL'S NOMINATION
"TO BE TOP AIDE" TO HAK, SUCCEEDING RUSH AS DEPUTY
SEC. INGERSOLL PHOTO IN NYT AND CHITRIB. SISCO

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